

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1.(Previously presented) A line management system for supporting patient care lines that extend between a patient and patient care equipment, the system comprising an elongated support member that is adjustable to a plurality of self-supporting positions, and

a line holder coupled to the support member, the line holder having a radially-extending opening for insertion of a line to be held, the line holder having flexible portions that extend outwardly from a periphery of the line holder on the opposite sides of the radially-extending opening through which the line to be held is inserted, the flexible portions being configured to be engaged by the line to be held during insertion thereof through the radially-extending opening, the line holder comprising a mount ring surrounding the elongated support member, the mount ring being free of any slots extending radially therethrough.

2.(Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the support member comprises a wire and a polymeric coating on the wire.

3-6.(Canceled)

7.(Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the support member is mounted on a patient care equipment support.

8.(Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the support member is mounted to a bracket and the bracket is mounted on the patient care equipment support.

9.(Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the bracket is movable relative to the patient care equipment support.

10.(Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the bracket has a lock for locking movement of the bracket relative to the patient care equipment support.

11.(Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the support member is configured to extend in a cantilevered fashion away from the equipment support to support the weight of a plurality of lines.

12.(Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the support member is able to be manipulated by a caregiver into a range of positions.

13-22.(Canceled)

23.(Currently amended) A line management system for use with a support structure and for supporting patient care lines ~~that extend between a patient and patient care equipment~~, the system comprising

an elongated support member having a proximal end and a distal end, the support member being manipulatable into a plurality of self-supporting positions by a caregiver and configured to hold such positions such that its distal end is supported in space when its proximal end is supported by the support structure, the elongated support member comprising a malleable wire, the wire being free from any axial opening therethrough, and

a line holder coupled to the support member, the line holder ~~being configured to retain such lines~~ having a radially-extending opening for insertion of a line to be held.

24.(Previously presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the wire has a polymeric coating thereon.

25.(Previously presented) The system of claim 24, wherein the polymeric coating on the wire comprises urethane coating.

26.(Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the line holder is made from polymeric material.

27.(Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the line holder further comprises a generally circular outer ring having the mount ring located generally centrally thereof.

28.(Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the mount ring defines an axially extending bore through which the elongated support member is routed.

29.(Previously presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the axially extending bore in the mount ring is sized such that a friction fit is formed between the elongated support member and the mount ring.

30.(Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the radially-extending opening is formed in the outer ring.

31.(Previously presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the flexible portions extend outwardly from the opposite sides of the radially-extending opening in the outer ring.

32.(Previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the flexible portions are normally disposed adjacent each other and the flexible portions are caused to spread apart from each other when a line to be held is pushed through the radially-extending opening in the outer ring.

33.(Previously presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the flexible portions are ramped at an acute angle relative to a tangential line extending through the radially-extending opening.

34.(Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the outer ring of the line holder has a slotted end and a mount end, and walls of the outer ring near the mount end are thicker than walls of the outer ring near the slotted end.

35.(Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the line holder further comprises a neck portion that extends radially inwardly from the outer ring to the mount ring.